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Commemorative Stamp on Freedom Fighter of Goa

1892. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of the demand from Goa Government and T.B. Cumba Centenary Celebration Committee to issue a commemorative stamp of great Goan freedom fighter T.B. Cumba on his birth centenary which is celebrating on 2nd April, 1992;

(b) if so, what is Government's response to it; and

(c) whether they would reconsider it, and issue such stamp on 2nd April, 1992?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) yes, Sir,

(b) A proposal regarding this was placed before the Philatelic Advisory Committee which functions to advise the Government regarding issue of commemorative/special stamps etc. at meetings held on 6th August, 1990 and 29th January 1991 but was not recommended.

(c) The proposal will again be placed before the Committee, at its next meeting, for consideration. However, even if recommended, it does not appear possible to bring out the stamp on 2nd April 1992 due to the limitations of time.

Hindering of Telecom Development in Orissa

1893. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the telecom development in Orissa is being hindered as some ambitious projects are pending for implementation, due to non allotment of land by the Orissa Government;

(b) if so, what are the details of such projects; and

(c) what action Government are taking in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The DOT requires land for construction of buildings for its various projects like exchange, staff quarters, DTOs etc. Lands have to be requisitioned from the State Government at respective places. The projects shown in part (b) of the question are at various stages of acquisition from the State Government.

(b) (i) Lands for 21 telephone exchange buildings are at various stages of acquisition from the State Government at various places in Orissa. Some of these are pending for long time, as far back as 1987.

(ii) Lands for 19 staff quarters are under various stages of acquisition from the State Government at various places in Orissa.

(iii) Land for departmental telegraph office at one place is still under process of acquisition.

(c) Cases are being actively pursued with the State Government.

Delay in Installation of Telephone Connections

1894. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of telephone connection sanctioned by him on the basis of recommendations of M.Ps. or out of the M.Ps. quota in respect of Thane, Bombay and Delhi, have not been installed so far, although the sanctions have been conveyed;

(b) if so, what is the number of such cases pending for the period from 1st January, 1991 to 30th April, 1991 at each of the above station; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to install telephones in the above cases and thereby honour Government's commitment?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Uniform service condition in department of Telecom.

1895. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated uniform service conditions for departmental engineers and engineering officers of telecom factories and directly recruit engineers; if not, reasons therefor;

(b) whether due to lack of such uniform policy the direct recruits are getting advantageous position over their counter-parts in the factories in the matter of promotion and other related matters;

(c) whether there is serious discontent amongst the departmental officers;

(d) whether Government have received representations from Telecom engineering Officers Association;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(f) what further action Government have contemplated to redress the grievances of departmental engineering officers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes Sir. There is no difference between the service conditions of Departmental Engineers and directly recruited Engineers of the same grade in Telecom Factories.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) to (f) No, Sir, there is no serious discontent amongst the departmental officers. However, a representation has been received from "Telecom Factories' Engineers Association" regarding the promotional avenues, increments in case of engineering officers acquiring engineering degree etc. This representation is under examination.

There is no recognised association by the name "Telecom Engineering Officers' Association".

Disruption of telephones in Janakpuri exchanges

1896. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of telephones in Janakpuri exchange remained out of order for about one week during February, 1992;

(b) if so, what was the exact number of such telephones and for how many days they were unserviceable;

(c) what are the reasons for this long disruption;

(d) what steps are being taken to ensure that such incidents will not happen in future; and

(e) what is the relief, if any, that is available to consumers for the loss and inconvenience caused by such faults?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Only sevently three telephones were affected from 15.2.92 to 22.2.92.

(c) Digging carried out by cable laying agency caused multiple faults in the cable which were repaired after localisation of faults.

(d) Proper liasion is being kept with the cable laying agencies to prevent such faults in future.

(e) Rebate in rental is granted to all cases where interruption is for more than one week.

Theft of telephone cables in Delhi

1897. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi police has recently caught a good number of persons who were involved in telephone cable thefts;

(b) if so, whether the MTNL employees in connivance with other local people have made attempts to steal telephone cables in Delhi;